

HATCHERY PRODUCTION



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Chick Production

Hatcheries produced 319 million chicks during March, 6 percent above a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The March broiler-type hatch of 267 million was up 8 percent from March 1968. Broiler-type hatch during the first quarter was up 5 percent from the same period a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on April 1 were up 6 percent from April 1, 1968.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March at 53 million were down 2 percent from a year earlier. All regions were down except the South Atlantic which increased 10 percent. Regional declines were: South Central, 16 percent; North Atlantic, 2 percent; West, 1 percent; and North Central down slightly. Hatch during the first quarter of 1969 was 3 percent above the same period in 1968. Egg-type eggs in incubators on April 1 were down 9 percent from a year earlier.

Poult Production

Production of all breeds during March totaled 18,167,000 poults, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Heavy breed hatch at 17,318,000 was up 2 percent, while light breed hatch at 849,000 was down 4 percent. Total hatch during the first quarter of 1969 was 34,145,000, an increase of 8 percent from the same period a year earlier. The number of turkey eggs in incubators on April 1 was 1 percent above a year earlier.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries, United States

Month	By months					Cumulative				
	1967	1968	1/	1969	Change from last year	1967	1968	1969	1/	Change from last year
	- Thousands -			Percent	- Thousands -			Thou.		Pct.
<u>Broiler-type:</u>										
January	225,260	229,825	235,228	+ 2	225,260	229,825	235,228	235,228	+5,403	+ 2
February	217,590	219,533	227,083	+ 3	142,850	149,358	146,311	146,311	+12,953	+ 3
March	256,135	246,689	266,790	+ 8	698,985	696,047	729,101	729,101	+33,054	+ 5
April	250,348	247,704			949,333	943,751				
May	257,042	260,926			1,206,375	1,204,677				
June	244,971	250,278			1,451,346	1,454,955				
July	241,078	244,151			1,692,424	1,699,106				
August	232,283	232,422			1,924,707	1,931,528				
September	201,668	203,422			2,126,375	2,134,950				
October	205,637	214,767			2,332,012	2,349,717				
November	211,342	221,578			2,543,354	2,571,295				
December	215,188	227,794			2,758,542	2,799,089				
<u>Egg-type:</u>										
January	39,761	33,517	37,708	+13	39,761	33,517	37,708	37,708	+4,191	+13
February	46,315	38,590	39,706	+ 3	86,076	72,107	77,414	77,414	+5,307	+ 7
March	66,132	53,759	52,687	- 2	152,208	125,866	130,101	130,101	+4,235	+ 3
April	74,418	62,300			226,626	188,166				
May	68,073	59,352			294,699	247,518				
June	47,929	44,998			342,628	292,516				
July	34,040	37,067			376,668	329,583				
August	36,011	37,123			412,679	366,706				
September	34,603	37,489			447,282	404,195				
October	32,878	40,374			480,160	444,569				
November	27,681	35,753			507,841	480,322				
December	26,977	33,979			534,818	514,301				
<u>Total Chicks:</u>										
January	265,021	263,342	272,936	+ 4	265,021	263,342	272,936	272,936	+9,594	+ 4
February	263,905	258,123	266,789	+ 3	528,926	521,465	539,725	539,725	+18,260	+ 4
March	322,267	300,448	319,477	+ 6	851,193	821,913	859,202	859,202	+37,289	+ 5
April	324,766	310,004			1,175,959	1,131,917				
May	325,115	320,278			1,501,074	1,452,195				
June	292,900	295,276			1,793,974	1,747,471				
July	275,118	281,218			2,069,092	2,028,689				
August	268,294	269,545			2,337,386	2,298,234				
September	236,271	240,911			2,573,657	2,539,145				
October	238,515	255,141			2,812,172	2,794,286				
November	239,023	257,331			3,051,195	3,051,617				
December	242,165	261,773			3,293,360	3,313,390				

1/ Revised.

Poult hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

State	By months				Change from last year	Cumulative				Change from last year	
	1967	1968	2/	1969		1967	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969
	- Thousands -			Percent	- Thousands -			Thou.	Pct.		
<u>Heavy breeds 1/</u>											
January	7,396	4,250	5,230	+23	7,396	4,250	5,230	+ 980	+23		
February	13,028	8,242	9,429	+14	20,424	12,492	14,659	+2,167	+17		
March	21,791	16,900	17,318	+ 2	42,215	29,392	31,977	+2,585	+ 9		
April	22,119	19,086			64,334	48,478					
May	22,515	19,994			86,849	68,472					
June	17,675	15,802			104,524	84,274					
July	8,423	8,045			112,947	92,319					
August	2,194	1,889			115,141	94,208					
September	1,232	1,057			116,373	95,265					
October	1,515	1,235			117,888	96,500					
November	1,860	1,455			119,748	97,955					
December	2,462	2,294			122,210	100,249					
<u>Light breeds 1/</u>											
January	1,056	791	694	-12	1,056	791	694	- 97	-12		
February	990	678	625	- 8	2,046	1,469	1,319	- 150	-10		
March	1,073	881	849	- 4	3,119	2,350	2,168	- 182	- 8		
April	1,035	1,170			4,154	3,520					
May	1,349	1,256			5,503	4,776					
June	1,977	1,876			7,480	6,652					
July	2,482	2,168			9,962	8,820					
August	2,340	1,604			12,302	10,424					
September	1,176	1,013			13,478	11,437					
October	1,108	1,022			14,586	12,459					
November	889	797			15,475	13,256					
December	879	610			16,354	13,866					
<u>Total all breeds</u>											
January	8,452	5,041	5,924	+18	8,452	5,041	5,924	+ 883	+18		
February	14,018	8,920	10,054	+13	22,470	13,961	15,978	+2,017	+14		
March	22,864	17,781	18,167	+ 2	45,334	31,742	34,145	+2,403	+ 8		
April	23,154	20,256			68,488	51,998					
May	23,864	21,250			92,352	73,248					
June	19,652	17,678			112,004	90,926					
July	10,905	10,213			122,909	101,139					
August	4,534	3,493			127,443	104,632					
September	2,408	2,070			129,851	106,702					
October	2,623	2,257			132,474	108,959					
November	2,749	2,252			135,223	111,211					
December	3,341	2,904			138,564	114,115					

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2/ Revised.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	March		January through March		March	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
<u>Thousands</u>						
Maine	6,769	6,472	18,687	17,941	733	467
N. H. & Vt. 1/	582	618	1,663	1,771	332	166
Mass. & R.I. 2/	750	686	1,989	1,989	904	941
Conn.	1,111	851	3,078	2,320	473	769
N. Y.	3/	3/	3/	3/	1,670	1,870
N. J.	3/	3/	3/	3/	440	220
Pa.	5,341	5,782	15,158	16,100	2,583	2,572
N. A.	3/14,665	3/14,553	3/40,911	3/40,489	7,135	7,005
Ohio	530	750	1,465	1,950	1,555	1,555
Ind.	1,730	1,744	4,591	4,903	3,507	3,163
Ill.	30	29	39	59	2,102	2,269
Mich.	5/	5/	5/	5/	690	800
Wis.	1,210	1,290	3,515	3,655	814	700
Minn.	935	810	2,504	2,396	2,044	1,891
Iowa	5/	5/	5/	5/	1,620	1,930
Mo.	1,193	970	3,200	2,475	2,008	2,074
N. Dak.	5/	5/	5/	5/	138	73
S. Dak.	5/	5/	5/	5/	633	630
Nebr.	283	236	358	294	1,103	1,230
Kans.	124	160	168	182	818	650
N. C.	2/6,553	5/6,366	5/16,730	5/16,510	17,032	16,965
Del.	8,552	9,956	24,989	27,310	6/	6/
Md.	16,716	19,602	48,764	51,882	6/	6/
Va.	5,664	6,135	15,824	16,596	801	451
W. Va.	349	146	1,041	410	6/	6/
N. C.	25,534	28,197	71,388	75,859	1,364	1,205
S. C.	1,703	1,844	4,501	5,283	744	711
Ga.	43,990	44,557	124,983	123,245	3,607	4,036
Fla.	3,739	4,508	10,872	12,038	3,017	4,279
S. A.	106,247	114,945	302,362	312,623	6/9,827	6/10,843
Ky.	7/	7/	7/	7/	423	395
Tenn.	2,653	2,550	7,599	7,701	1,108	1,137
Ala.	30,843	34,856	88,861	96,452	1,739	1,363
Miss.	17,659	18,628	50,158	51,564	1,650	1,574
Ark.	37,089	42,600	102,950	115,669	2,165	1,694
La.	4,065	3,805	11,189	10,257	478	330
Okla.	7/	7/	7/	7/	496	320
Texas	15,372	16,401	44,128	44,365	2,938	2,379
S. C.	7/108,192	7/119,369	7/306,071	7/327,173	10,997	9,192
Colo.	37	27	58	52	238	268
Utah	115	136	340	352	239	152
Wash.	2,327	2,331	6,035	5,778	949	1,078
Oreg.	1,312	1,096	3,855	3,610	333	334
Calif.	6,666	7,306	17,973	20,590	6,377	6,103
West. 8/	11,032	11,557	29,973	32,306	8,768	8,682
U. S.	246,689	266,790	696,047	729,101	53,759	52,687

1/ New Hampshire and Vermont combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ North Atlantic total includes New York and New Jersey to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ North Central total includes Michigan, North and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

5/ North Central total includes Michigan, Iowa, North and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	Egg type			Total			January through March		
	January through March:			March			January through March		
	1968	1969	1967	1968	1969	1968	1969	1969	1969
<u>Thousands</u>									
Maine	1,649	1,220	7,741	7,502	6,939	20,336	19,161		
N. H. & Vt. 1/	692	384	964	914	784	2,355	2,155		
Mass. & R. I. 2/	2,334	2,607	1,576	1,654	1,627	4,323	4,596		
Conn.	1,253	1,409	1,685	1,584	1,620	4,331	3,729		
N. Y.	4,640	5,350	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
N. J.	925	398	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
Pa.	6,044	6,257	8,103	7,924	8,354	21,202	22,357		
N. A.	17,537	17,625	3/23,115	3/21,800	3/21,558	3/58,448	3/58,114		
Ohio	4,020	3,905	3,030	2,085	2,305	5,485	5,855		
Ind.	8,086	8,103	5,840	5,237	4,907	12,677	13,006		
Ill.	4,719	5,096	2,841	2,132	2,298	4,758	5,155		
Mich.	1,900	2,250	4/	5/	5/	5/	5/		
Wis.	1,730	1,465	2,378	2,024	1,990	5,245	5,120		
Minn.	3,990	4,098	4,286	2,979	2,701	6,494	6,494		
Iowa	4,040	4,620	3,600	5/	5/	5/	5/		
Mo.	3,068	3,754	5,220	3,201	3,044	6,268	6,229		
N. Dak.	155	93	4/	5/	5/	5/	5/		
S. Dak.	970	920	4/	5/	5/	5/	5/		
Nebr.	1,840	2,132	1,994	1,386	1,466	2,198	2,426		
Kans.	1,623	1,315	1,204	942	810	1,791	1,497		
N. C.	36,141	37,751	4/33,419	5/23,585	5/23,331	5/52,871	5/54,261		
Del.	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/		
Md.	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/		
Va.	1,467	929	6,671	6,465	6,586	17,291	17,525		
W. Va.	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/	6/		
N. C.	2,720	2,717	26,885	26,898	29,402	74,108	78,576		
S. C.	1,715	1,700	2,752	2,447	2,555	6,216	6,983		
Ga.	8,542	9,812	50,981	47,597	48,593	133,525	133,057		
Fla.	8,375	11,557	6,943	6,756	8,787	19,247	23,595		
S. A. 6/	23,313	27,038	121,288	116,074	125,788	325,675	339,661		
Ky.	877	997	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/		
Tenn.	2,384	2,804	4,552	3,761	3,687	9,983	10,505		
Ala.	3,765	3,086	33,648	32,582	36,219	92,626	99,538		
Miss.	4,129	4,500	18,992	19,309	20,202	54,287	56,064		
Ark.	6,009	4,806	38,986	39,254	44,294	108,959	120,475		
La.	1,025	963	4,393	4,543	4,135	12,214	11,220		
Okla.	830	794	7/	7/	7/	7/	7/		
Texas	6,879	6,509	19,969	18,310	18,780	51,007	50,874		
S. C.	25,898	24,459	7/122,532	7/119,189	7/128,561	7/331,969	7/351,632		
Colo.	456	683	338	275	295	514	735		
Utah	423	362	386	354	288	763	714		
Wash.	2,455	2,548	3,805	3,276	3,409	8,490	8,326		
Oreg.	694	673	1,664	1,645	1,430	4,549	4,283		
Calif.	17,484	17,309	14,199	13,043	13,409	35,457	37,899		
West. 8/	22,977	23,228	21,913	19,800	20,239	52,950	55,534		
U. S.	125,866	130,101	322,267	300,448	319,477	821,913	859,202		

6/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia to avoid disclosing individual operations.

7/ South Central total includes Kentucky and Oklahoma to avoid disclosing individual operations.

8/ West total includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chicken eggs in incubators, April 1, 1969

Geographic division	As percent of April 1, 1968			Total eggs
	Broiler-type	Egg-type		
North Atlantic	105	96		102
East North Central	93	95		95
West North Central	90	85		86
South Atlantic	105	91		104
South Central	109	78		106
West	107	106		106
United States	106	91		103

Poulets hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

Geographic division	Total breeds 1/					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		All breeds	
	1968	1969	1968	1969	1968	1969
- - - <u>Thousands</u> - - -						
<u>Poulets hatched during March</u>						
North Atlantic	155	166	10	4	165	170
East North Central	1,964	1,987	45	52	2,009	2,039
West North Central	6,694	6,610	395	376	7,089	6,986
South Atlantic	1,821	2,131	290	330	2,111	2,461
South Central	2,433	2,475	21	1	2,454	2,476
West	3,833	3,949	120	86	3,953	4,035
United States	16,900	17,318	881	849	17,781	18,167
<u>Turkey eggs in incubator April 1</u>						
North Atlantic	498	632	62	68	560	700
East North Central	4,012	3,844	98	161	4,110	4,005
West North Central	9,794	10,029	774	574	10,568	10,603
South Atlantic	3,265	3,847	452	444	3,717	4,291
South Central	4,127	3,858	31	31	4,158	3,889
West	6,882	6,827	283	128	7,165	6,955
United States	28,578	29,037	1,700	1,406	30,278	30,443
<u>April 1, 1969 as percent of April 1, 1968</u>						
	- - - <u>Percent</u> - - -					
United States	102		83		101	

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